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Hi Mr. Buckley,
Yes these statements are correct.
Thank you.
Ray Cashman

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On Monday, June 29, 2015 12:51 PM, "tbuckley@fec.gov" <tbuckley@fec.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Cashman -

In several of our recent telephone conversations, you provided us with additional information pertaining to the advisory opinion request submitted by Democracy Rules. We have set out below our understanding of some of that information. Please either confirm the accuracy of these statements or correct them.

1. If the majority of voting members supports an issue with pending legislation during the second phase of a presentation cycle, then the choice of trustees during the third phase is usually between the principal campaign committee of the chair of the full legislative committee to which the legislation was assigned when the presentation cycle began, with 10 percent of the total pledge amount designated for the campaign committee of the sponsor of the legislation if pledges exceed \$1,000, or an advocacy group.
2. If the majority of voting members supports an issue that does not have pending legislation, the choice of trustees during the third phase is usually between the principal campaign committee of a legislator with a demonstrated interest in the issue or an advocacy group.
3. If the majority of voting members opposes an issue during the second phase, the choice of trustees during the third phase is usually the principal campaign committee of either the Speaker of the House or the Senate Majority Leader.
4. Members must agree during the second phase of a presentation cycle that their pledged funds can go to any of the potential trustees identified by Democracy Rules, and members cannot cancel their pledges once made.

5. If the winning issue after the first round of a presentation cycle lends itself to a longterm campaign – such as, for example, amending the Constitution – members can vote during the third round to have the issue so designated. Such campaigns remain active for as long as they receive donations or until their issue is resolved.

6. In a longterm campaign, members may donate to a variety of recipients, including the principal campaign committee of a legislator chosen by Democracy Rules. Rather than having members vote to select a trustee for the issue, Democracy Rules forwards each member's funds to the designated recipient, with contributions to principal campaign committees being sent within 10 days

We would appreciate your response by email. Your response may be considered to be a supplement to your advisory opinion request; if so, it will be posted as such on the Commission's website.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tony Buckley
Attorney, Policy Division